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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois learned with regret of the death of Carolyn Gloria Hunter Moody; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Moody was born October 3, 1921, in Meridian, Mississippi, to James Washington Hunter and Esther Evans Hunter; she attended Talladega and Hunter Colleges and earned a bachelor's degree froth Tougaloo College with a major in sociology and minors in music and history; her M.A. in elementary education, plus 30 hours above, was earned at Southern University with additional studies at LSU; and

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WHEREAS, In 1948, she and Horace W. Moody married in Ruston, Louisiana, and moved to Baton Rouge, where she became a member of her husband's family church, Bethel AME; prior to her marriage, she had been an active member of First Congregational Church of Meridian, Mississippi, from an early age; throughout the years she was actively involved at both churches in many capacities, including as a Sunday school teacher, music director, cherubim choir director, youth advisor, organist and pianist, chancel choir member, vacation Bible school coordinator, and president of the Orah N. Evans Women's Missionary Society; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Moody led with distinction for nearly sixty years in the numerous social and civic organizations in which she participated; she was a golden member of the Gamma Eta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., a member of The Matrons Club, and the Southern University Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa International, where in 2000, she was awarded the National Service Key Award for 25 years of service; she was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Audubon Girl Scout Council and the YWCA of Greater Baton Rouge and served as strategic advisor to the J.K. Haynes Elementary Charter School;

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2 WHEREAS, She was a dedicated and innovative educator; she
3 taught at Buchanan Elementary for more than 20 years and became
4 principal at South Blvd Elementary School in the late 1970s;
5 during her tenure at South Blvd, she initiated for the East
6 Baton Rouge Parish School System the Extended Day Program, a
7 program designed to accommodate the needs of working parents,
8 including before and after school arts enrichment, academic
9 tutoring, sports activities, and special interest clubs for
10 children; the program continues today throughout the State of
11 Louisiana; and

12 WHEREAS, The passing of Carolyn Gloria Hunter Moody has
13 been deeply felt by many, especially her daughters, Esther
14 Moody Collins, Dr. Sarah Moody-Thomas and husband Attorney
15 Vernon Thomas, and Carolyn Yvette Moody; her sons, Horace
16 Wesley Moody, Jr., and wife Rhonda Faye Wilcox Moody, Rev.
17 James Merrick Moody, Sr., and wife Corlis Smith Moody, Charles
18 Eric Moody, and William Frederick Moody and wife Laura Byrnes
19 Moody; her sister, Barbara Hunter Williams and husband, Jeff
20 Williams; her 18 grandchildren; and her 10
21 great-grandchildren; she was preceded in death by her parents;
22 ten siblings; her husband of 50 years, Horace Wesley Moody,
23 Sr.; and her grandson, William Frederick Moody; therefore, be
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25 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL
26 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
27 Carolyn Gloria Hunter Moody, and we extend our sincere
28 condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew and loved
29 her; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
31 presented to her family as an expression of our deepest
32 sympathy.